

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Denecheau et al.

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FOR: **System and Method For
Communicating On A Virtual
Ring In An Internet Protocol
Network**

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- ☐ Together with the present application.
- ☒ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)]
- ☐ After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under § 1.113 or Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, whichever occurs first. [37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c)]
- ☐ After a Final Office Action under § 1.113 or Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, but prior to or with payment of the Issue Fee. [37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d)]

Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § § 1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

- ☒ No separate requirements are needed

[x] No additional fee is required.

Provision of Copies of References

- [x] Copies of all cited non-domestic references are enclosed.
- [] A copy of an English Language related patent or patent publication of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-SB08 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.
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- [] A copy of the European Search Report from a corresponding or related EPO application is enclosed herewith.
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- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501336. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

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This Information disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO SB08-Information Disclosure Citation together with copies of patents, publications, or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclosure in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware. Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipates nor renders obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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